set up some paper mills to meet the shortage of paper in the country;

(b) if so, the States from which the Union Government have received proposals in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken to clear these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The country is nearly self-sufficient in so far as common varieties of paper are concerned. The Central Government have no plans to set up paper mills in the Central Public Sector.

(b) and (c). As on date, two proposals one each from (i) Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation Limited in the State of Andhra Pradesh and (ii) M/s. Ballarpur Industries Limited in the State of Maharashtra are pending with the Government. These proposals will be considered as per the established procedure of the Government.

[*English*]

National Coal Wages Agreement-V

*404. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have taken any steps to settle National Coal Wages Agreement-V;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). Joint Bipartite Committee for the Coal Industry consisting of the representatives of Central trade unions and the representatives of management of different coal companies has been reconstituted. Several representations from trade union side have been received and these are being dealt with appropriately.

(c) Does not arise.

Pension to Coal Miners

*405. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the pension scheme to coal miners;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government is in favour of the Public Sector Enterprises working out individually, a suitable annuity scheme through the LIC, based on voluntary contributions by the employees, to a fund outside the Public Sector Enterprises', without any liability on the Public Sector Enterprises/Government.

Demands of DDA Employees

406. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Delhi Development Authority have been agitating since October last to press their demands;